**Current Health Issues Assignment: Tobacco in the News**

**Task Description:**

Each student will collect an article that specifically relates to a current health issue and tobacco use, and complete a written summary and reflection based on the information discussed in the article.. This assignment will count as a quiz grade.

**Guidelines For Writing/Article Selection:**

1. Articles MUST be obtained from the Internet or a Newspaper, and MUST be a newspaper article.

**2. Responses to questions MUST be typed: Double-spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman**

**Submitted work MUST respond to the questions below:**

**Questions: Please be very thorough and detailed with your responses. Each of the questions below should be a separate paragraph. You do NOT need to re-write the questions.**

1. Summarize the article in your own words.

Summary should be clear, specific, and provide a thorough depiction of the entire article. **The summary should answer the questions of who, what, where, when, and why.**

**Example:** On July 19th, 2010(**when)**, the city of Portland, ME(**where)** enacted a ban on smoking(**what)** in outside dining areas of all restaurants and bars to limit secondhand smoke exposure for non-smoking patrons.(**why)**. This ban will begin immediately and likely will impact smokers, non-smokers, and restaurant owners. (**who)**

2. How might the author’s conclusions impact or effect society, **both positively and negatively?**

All health issues will impact people’s lives in some way, discuss how the information in this article will impact our society, or other societies both positively and negatively. It may only impact a certain group of people, but please consider all aspects when doing this component of the assignment.

**Example:**

Potential positive effects: Impact on restaurant workers/waitresses, non-smokers, perhaps encouragement for smokers to quit, teaches young people/children that smoking is harmful/less exposure to smoking environment

Potential negative effects: Impact on restaurant profits, anger among smokers

1. What is your opinion of the article and/or your opinion of the information/issue presented in the article.

Consider your opinion on the issue prior to reading the article as well as new thoughts after reading the article.

**Please format the first page as follows:**

Your Name: Today’s Date:

Title of Article:

Date of Publication of Article:

URL of Article:

Websites for Articles: [www.pressherald.com](http://www.pressherald.com/); [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com/); [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com); [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com);

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com) (click on the “news” link)

**You must find an article that relates to tobacco use in some way. When researching the web for an article the following search titles may be helpful to you:**

**- Tobacco - Smokeless or Chewing Tobacco - Quitting Smoking**

**- Smoking Bans - Health effects of Smoking - Tobacco use in other countries**